## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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Whereas, Reggie Miller is and always will be the heart and soul of Indiana Pacers basketball, spending his entire 18 year career wearing number 31;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is the player all Pacers fans look to for that final shot that wins a close game;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is the player who, for years, has been the role model young athletes want to pattern themselves after;

Whereas, Reggie Miller epitomizes everything that is good and wholesome about sports;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is the type of athlete every mother and father want their child to become;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is a selfless player, a team player, and a player who knows that someday younger players will be ready to assume his leadership role on the team;

Whereas, That time has come for the player who owns the National Basketball Association all-time record for 3-point shots made and attempted;

Whereas, Reggie Miller, who will turn 40 this summer, will retire at the end of the 2004-2005 season;

Whereas, Reggie Miller, now in his 18th season with the



Pacers, was a first-round draft pick out of UCLA in 1987;

Whereas, Reggie Miller quickly became known as a force within the NBA, is a five-time All-Star averaging at least 18 points a game for 12 consecutive seasons through 2000-2001, and is the winner of an Olympic gold medal and a World Championship gold medal;

Whereas, Reggie Miller burst onto the national scene in 1994 when he scored 25 fourth-quarter points in an Eastern Conference finals victory over the host New York Knicks while trading barbs with movie director Spike Lee, who was seated courtside;

Whereas, Reggie Miller's career is highlighted with outstanding achievements, such as: more than 25,000 career points, making him one of the elite players in the history of the NBA and the all-time top scorer in Pacers history; the most prolific three-point shooter in NBA history, both for completions and attempts; and he is among the top players in free-throw percentage, completed free throws, and games played in NBA history;

Whereas, Patrick Ewing, now an assistant coach for the Houston Rockets, credits Reggie as being one of the "purest shooters to play the game";

Whereas, One of Reggie Miller's most memorable performances came against Patrick Ewing and the Knicks in the first game of the 1995 Eastern Conference playoffs, where Reggie turned a 6 point New York lead into a 107-105 Pacers victory by scoring eight points in 8.9 seconds, stunning the partisan crowd at Madison Square Garden in New York City;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is much more than an outstanding basketball player; he contributes greatly to the community by visiting Indianapolis schools, where he signs autographs and mentors students, and by visiting patients in local hospitals, where he has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for fire and burn units;

Whereas, Reggie Miller's heroics on the basketball court



were surpassed when he heard the cries of Richard Craig on an Indianapolis interstate and stopped to help save Craig's stricken mother's life; and

Whereas, Reggie Miller is an inspiration to Hoosiers and to sports fans everywhere, and an excellent candidate for the NBA Hall of Fame: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly express their gratitude to Reggie Miller for setting a good example for young Hoosiers to follow, for the hours of dedicated service he has given willingly to those in need, and for the hours of pleasure he has given basketball fans through the years.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers organization.



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